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From: MOSCOW

To: LONDON

No.: 69

16th September 1945

To SERGEJ[1], IGOR'[11], [1 group unrecovered].

[2 groups unrecovered] opportunities to shed light on [RE] the following questions]:

Who elects the chief rabbis [5 groups unrecovered]; for what term; their rights and duties. Who elects the clerical[DUKHOVNYE] [2 groups unrecovered] attached to the chief rabbis, what constitute their rights and duties. Whether the council[SOVET] of rabbis (clerical council) is subordinate to the chief rabbi [RE] and [1 group unrecovered] [C% clergy[DUKHOVNESTVO]]. Whether laymen [MIRYANE] become members of the clerical council, or only

[19 groups unrecoverable]

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Footnotes: [i] SERGEJ: The multiple address and content of this message may indicate a circular. It seems unlikely therefore that SERGEJ is identical with the SERGEJ mentioned in MOSCOW's Nos. 78 and 41 of 16th and 17th September 1945 (3/NBF/T76, 29). He may however be Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN, in NEW YORK as there is slight evidence that a version of this message was sent to NEW YORK on the previous day.

[ii] IGOR: Konstantin Nikhajlovich KUKIN, Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in LONDON.

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